


## ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS MANUAL

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CHAPTER	1	SUBJECT	REGULATIONS FOR OPENING FLOOD
SECTION	1		CONTROL DEVICES DESIGNED AND BUILT
DIRECTIVE	16		FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD CONTROL
			ON DOTD-MAINTAINED RESERVOIRS

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this directive is to establish a uniform policy for the opening of Water Control Structures, designed and built for the intended purpose of flood control, at Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)-maintained reservoirs.
2. **BACKGROUND.** Act 270 of 1984 authorized DOTD to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of some 19 reservoir embankments and water control structures throughout Louisiana.
3. **SCOPE.** This directive establishes policy and procedure for opening reservoir structures designed and built for the intended purpose of flood control.
4. **POLICY AND PROCEDURE.**
  - a. **RESPONSIBILITY:** DOTD is responsible for the maintenance and operation of some 19 reservoir embankments and water control structures identified in Act 270 of 1984, to maintain their integrity, and to prevent any breach or damage to the existing facility. DOTD is not responsible for lake management. However, DOTD is responsible for flood control structures at the following locations:
    - a. Two (2) Tainter Gates constructed in 2013 on the Lake D'Arbonne Dam in Union Parish
    - b. Authority: Flood control structures will be under the authority of the District Administrator and opened according to structure-specific procedures approved by the Department of Transportation and Development and Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District.
5. **OTHER ISSUANCES AFFECTED.** All previous directives, memoranda or instructions issued heretofore in conflict with this directive are hereby rescinded.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This directive will become effective immediately upon receipt.

  
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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
(insert name of board or commission here)**

**DATE:**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of (insert name of board or commission here) was held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Present at this meeting were:

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A resolution was passed requesting that the (insert name of dam structure here) be opened for the purpose of attempting to control excessive flood waters. It is understood and agreed that the (insert name of board or commission here) agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Louisiana and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for opening (insert name of dam structure here) for flood control purposes. The (insert name of board or commission here) does hereby agree and resolve that this indemnification includes any and all costs to repair any damage done to the structure resulting from using this structure as a flood control device. Further, the board does hereby agree and resolve that this indemnification and hold harmless shall extend to any damage done to the person or property of a third party that could result from using this structure as a flood control device. The (insert name of board or commission here) does further agree and resolve that it shall have no claim against the State of Louisiana or the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for damage to property belonging to (insert name of board or commission here).

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Secretary and/or Chairman